



TRANSLATOR: **CASTELLAN**
TYPESETTER: **THEHAMMERBOY**
CLEANER: **JIDAN**

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**ONE
STEP
AHEAD
OF THE
TARGET**

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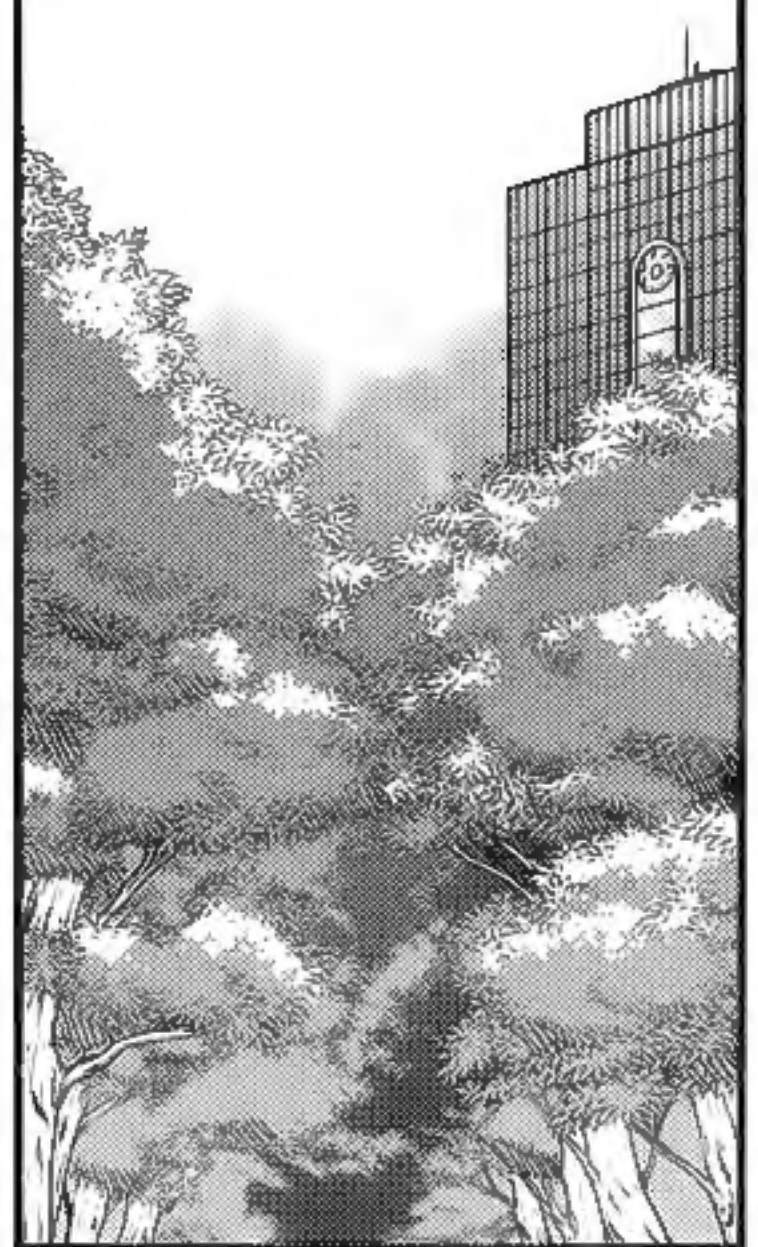
漫画 ▶ **にんげん**

原作 ▶ 三屋咲ゆう キャラクター原案 ▶ okiura



HUH?
DAMN...

I CAN'T
GET
THROUGH
HERE?



WE HOLD
THE RIGHT TO
CHALLENGE
ANYONE WE
PLEASE.

I AM NOT
REQUIRED
TO ANSWER
YOU,
LESTER.



ANSWER ME,
YURISU!

...THEN
WHY DID
YOU DUEL
SOME NEW
GUY!?

YURI-
SU?

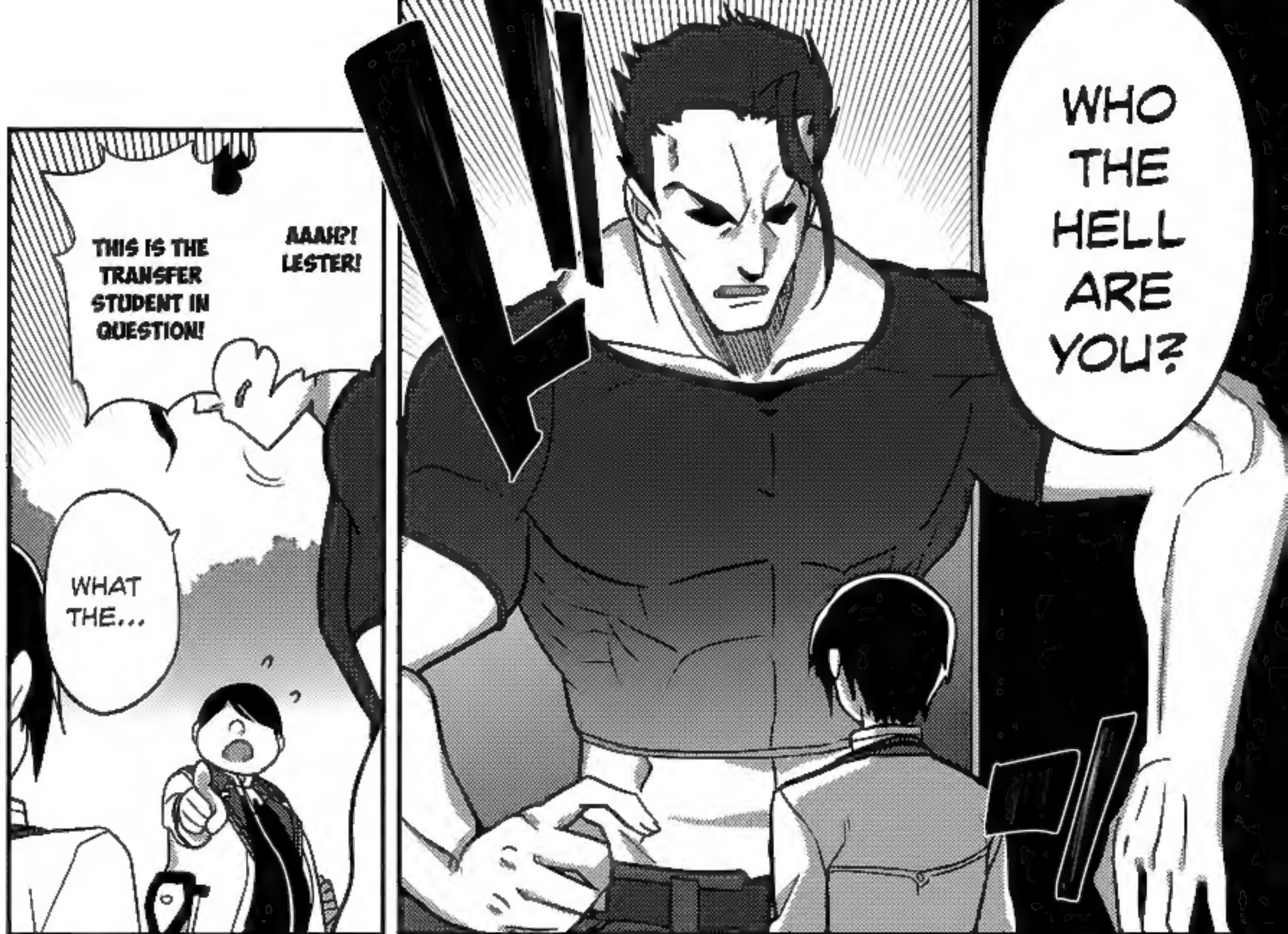
AND WE
ALSO HAVE
THE RIGHT
TO REFUSE
A DUEL.

OF COURSE
WE DO! WE
ALL HAVE
THAT RIGHT!



NEXT TIME, IT'LL BE MY VICTORY!!





THIS IS THE
TRANSFER
STUDENT IN
QUESTION!

AAAH!
LESTER!

WHAT
THE...

WHO
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU?

04



SIGH...

...LESTER
MCFILE.

RANKED
9TH PLACE.

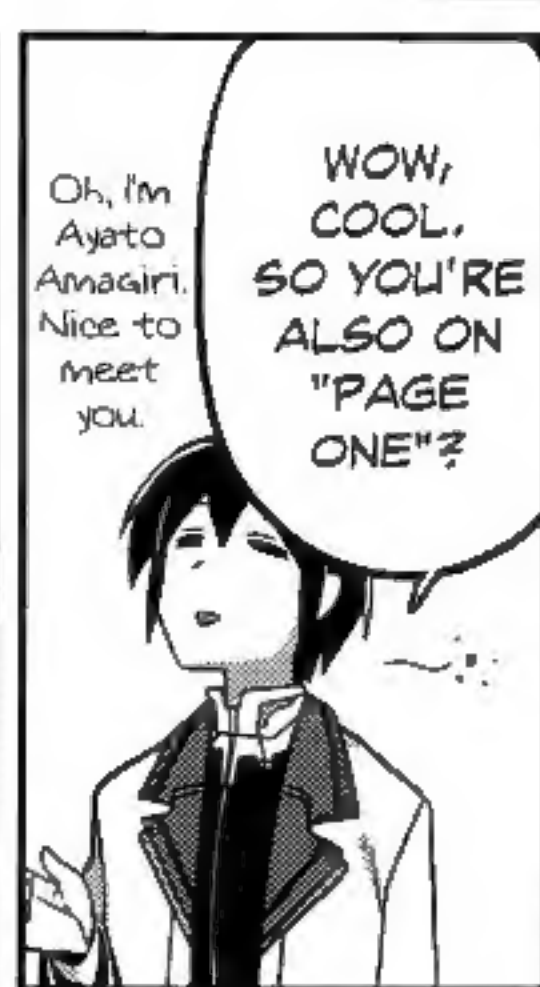


AND YOU
ARE?



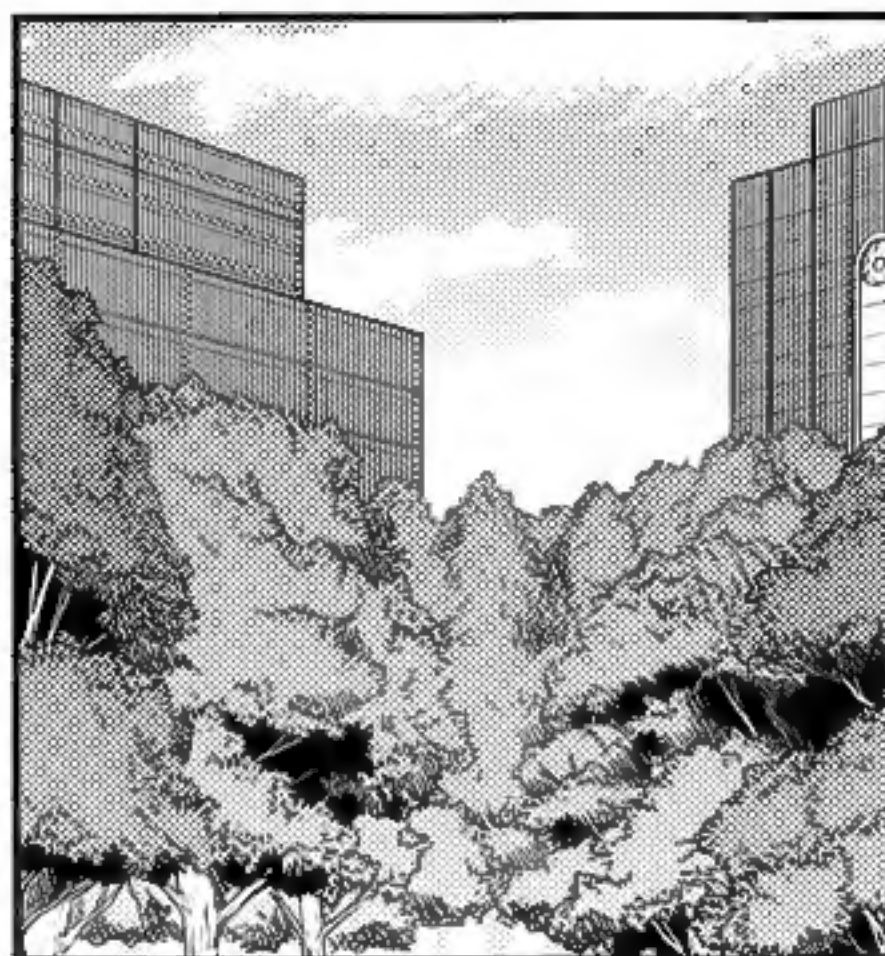
AND YET
YOU WON'T
FIGHT
ME...?

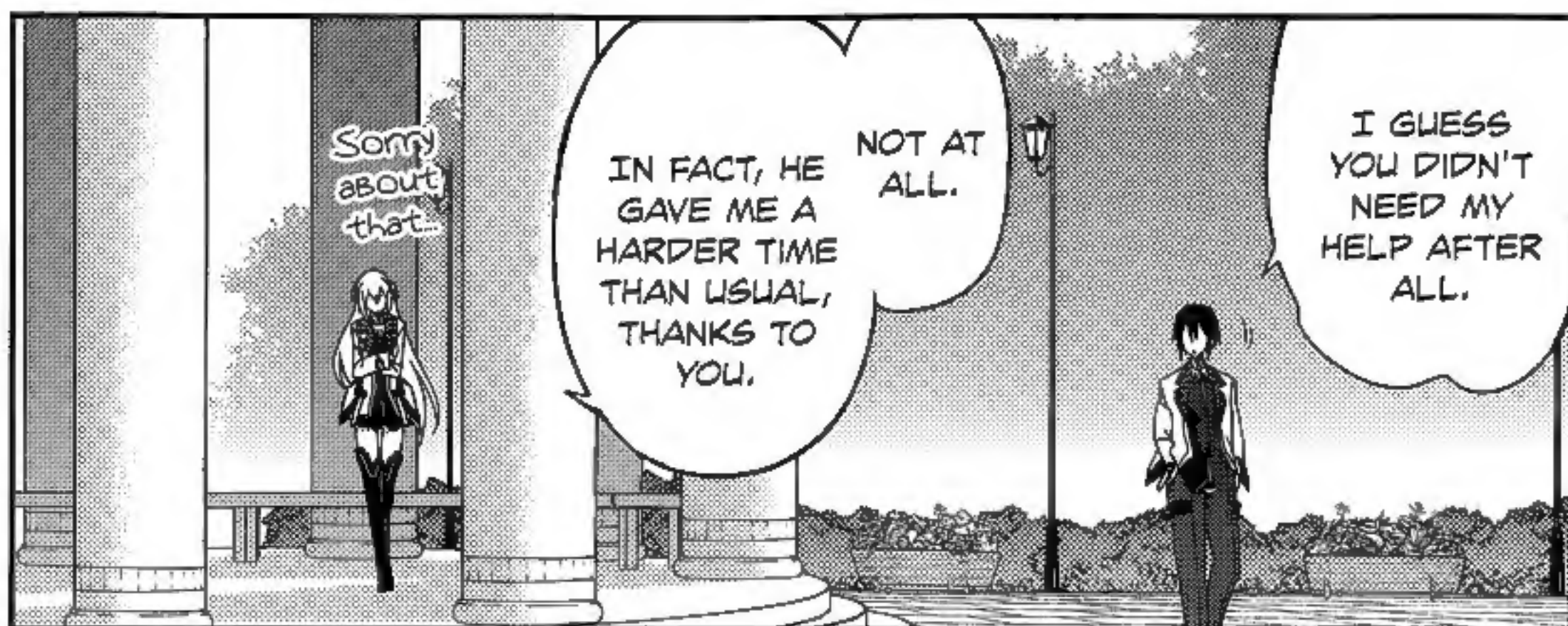
YOU'RE
TELLING ME...
YOU FOUGHT
A SQUIRT
LIKE THIS?



Oh, I'm
Ayato
Amagiri.
Nice to
meet
you.

WOW,
COOL,
SO YOU'RE
ALSO ON
"PAGE
ONE"?





Sorry
about
that...

IN FACT, HE
GAVE ME A
HARDER TIME
THAN USUAL,
THANKS TO
YOU.

NOT AT
ALL.

I GUESS
YOU DIDN'T
NEED MY
HELP AFTER
ALL.



IT SEEMS
LESTER JUST
CAN'T STAND
THE SIGHT
OF ME.

THAT WAS
WORSE THAN
USUAL?

THERE ARE
A LOT OF GUYS
LIKE THAT, BUT
THIS IS THE
FIRST TIME ONE
HAS BEEN SO
PERSISTENT.

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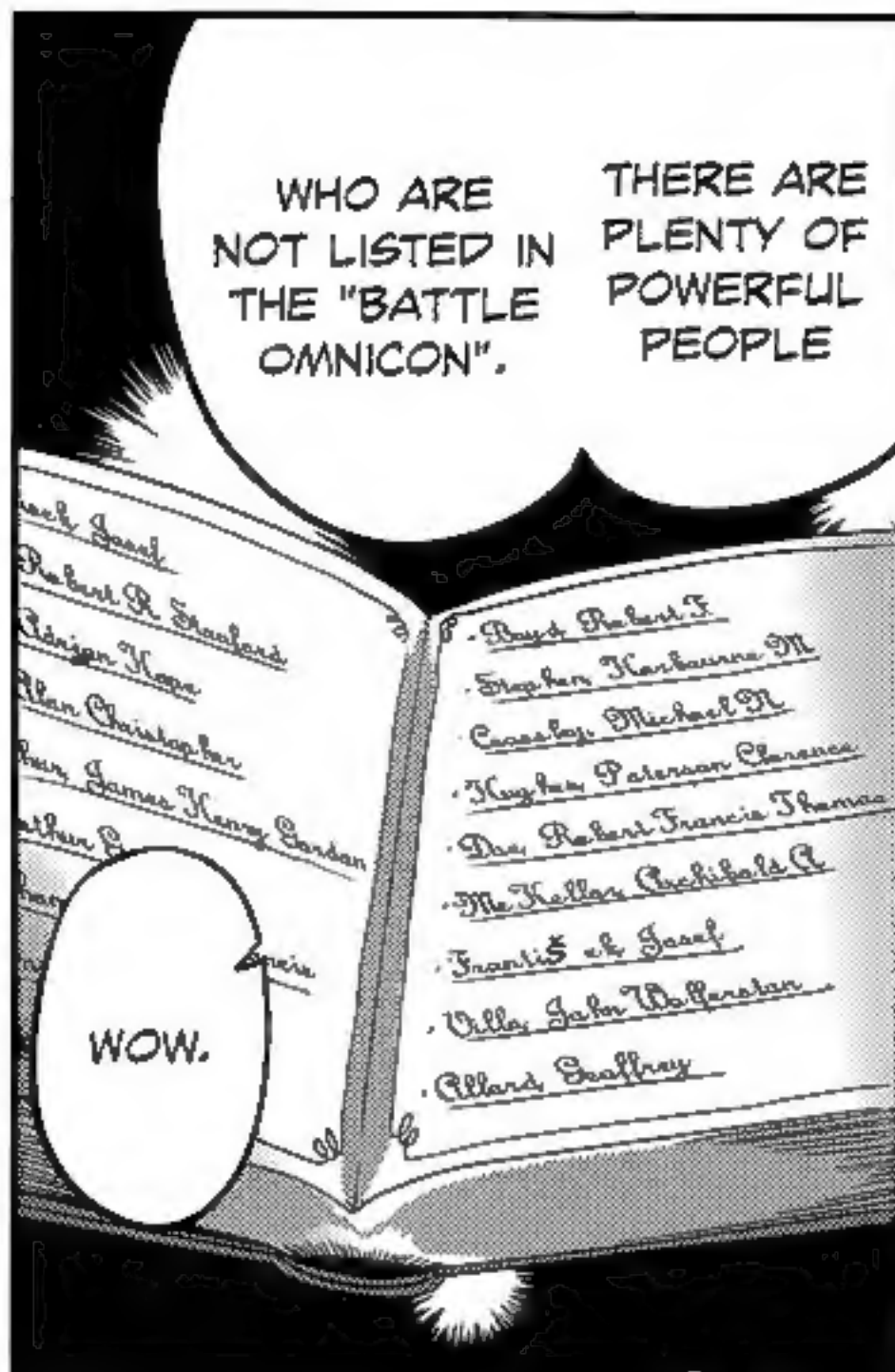


THEN
YES, HE'S
STRONG.

IF YOU'RE
ASKING
WHETHER
HE'S STRONG
OR WEAK,

IS HE
THAT
STRONG?

BUT BEING
RANKED
#9...





HOW
IN THE
WORLD
WERE YOU
ABLE TO
USE AN
UNAT-
TUNED
LUX?

DURING THE
DUEL THIS
MORNING, YOU
USED METEOR
ARTS.

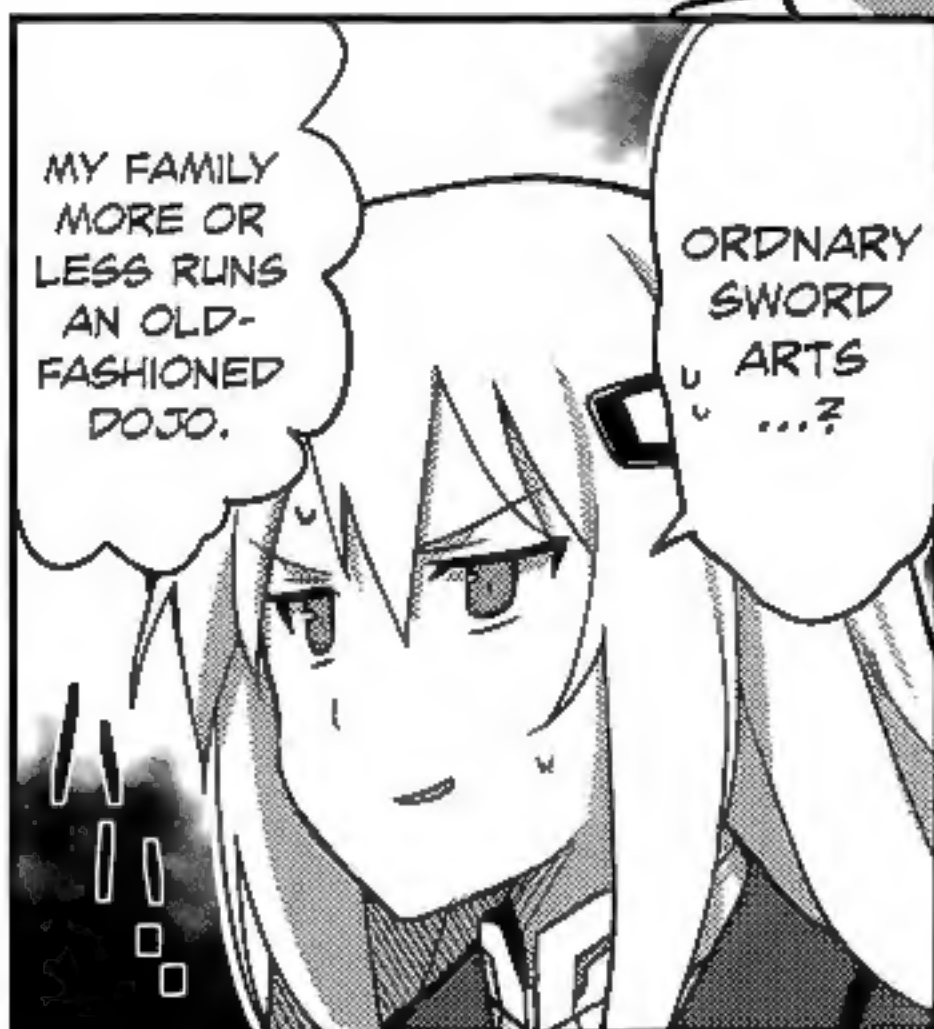


I CAN'T
USE
METEOR
ARTS.

YOU MIGHT
SAY I HAVE
A POOR
AFFINITY
WITH LUX.

THEY
WEREN'T
METEOR
ARTS.

WHAT?!



MY FAMILY
MORE OR
LESS RUNS
AN OLD-
FASHIONED
DOJO.

ORDINARY
SWORD
ARTS
...?



THEN WHAT
DID YOU
USE THIS
MORNING
...?

THEY WERE
JUST
REGULAR
SWORD
ARTS.



...HMPH.
FINE
THEN.

SEVERING
MY FLAMES
WOULDN'T BE
IMPOSSIBLE...

IF IT WAS
WITH A LUX
SWORD
BLADE,

IT WAS
PURE
CHANCE.

KEEP UP THE
"INNOCENT" ACT
AS LONG AS
YOU LIKE.



BY THE
WAY,
JULIS...

Hm?



THIS PLACE
IS NOT AS

EASYGOING
AS YOU
THINK.

HAHA...





BUT THAT
HAS NOTHING
TO DO WITH
IT.



IT IS TRUE
THAT I AM
THE FIRST
PRINCESS OF
LIESELTANIA,



FIGHTING
FOR THEIR
OWN
GOALS.

THEY CAN'T
DO THAT
ANYWHERE
ELSE.

THE PEOPLE
HERE ARE,
MORE OR
LESS,



AND
WHAT IS IT
THAT YOU
DESIRE,
JULIS?

TITLES, SOCIAL
STATUS AND
THE LIKE HAVE
NOTHING TO
DO WITH IT...





IT'S
MONEY.



AND THE
QUICKEST
WAY TO
GET THAT
IS BY
FIGHTING
HERE.

I NEED
MONEY,



EH...?



ALL
THREE
"FESTA"...

A GRAND
SLAM?!



I WILL
DOMINATE
THE ENTIRE
"FESTA" THIS
SEASON.
THAT IS MY
OBJECTIVE.

I DON'T
HAVE ANY
TIME TO
WASTE.







SHOULD
LOCK
AUTOMATI-
CALLY.

AH, YEAH.
IN THE
EVENING,
THE
COURT-
YARD
GATE

BUT AS IT
TURNS OUT,
THE GATE
THERE IS
LOCKED.

I THOUGHT
THIS WOULD
BE A
SHORTCUT,

AH...
HOW DO
I PUT
IT?



WON'T
THEY GET
LOCKED
IN?

AHAHA...

AND SOME-
ONE IS IN
NO HURRY
TO LEAVE,

IF IT
LOCKS
AUTO-
MATI-
CALLY,



I'D BE UP
THE CREEK.



FOR EXAMPLE,
IF I LIKED
TAKING
WALKS BY
HERE,



HUH?

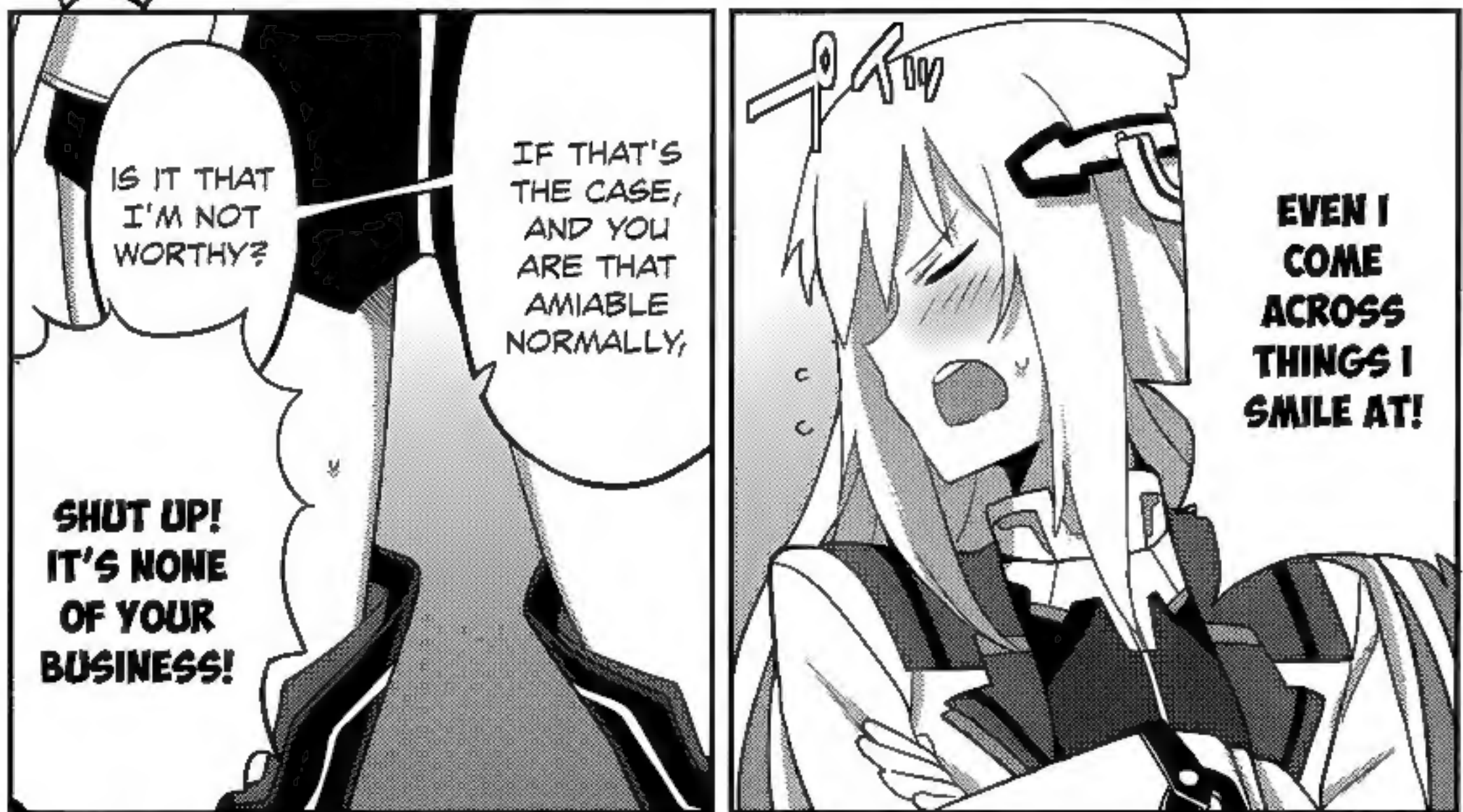




WHA...! WHA-
WHA-WHA-WHA-
WHERE DID THAT
COME FROM?!

NO...
I JUST
THOUGHT
SMILING
LIKE THAT
SUITED
YOU.

BLUSH



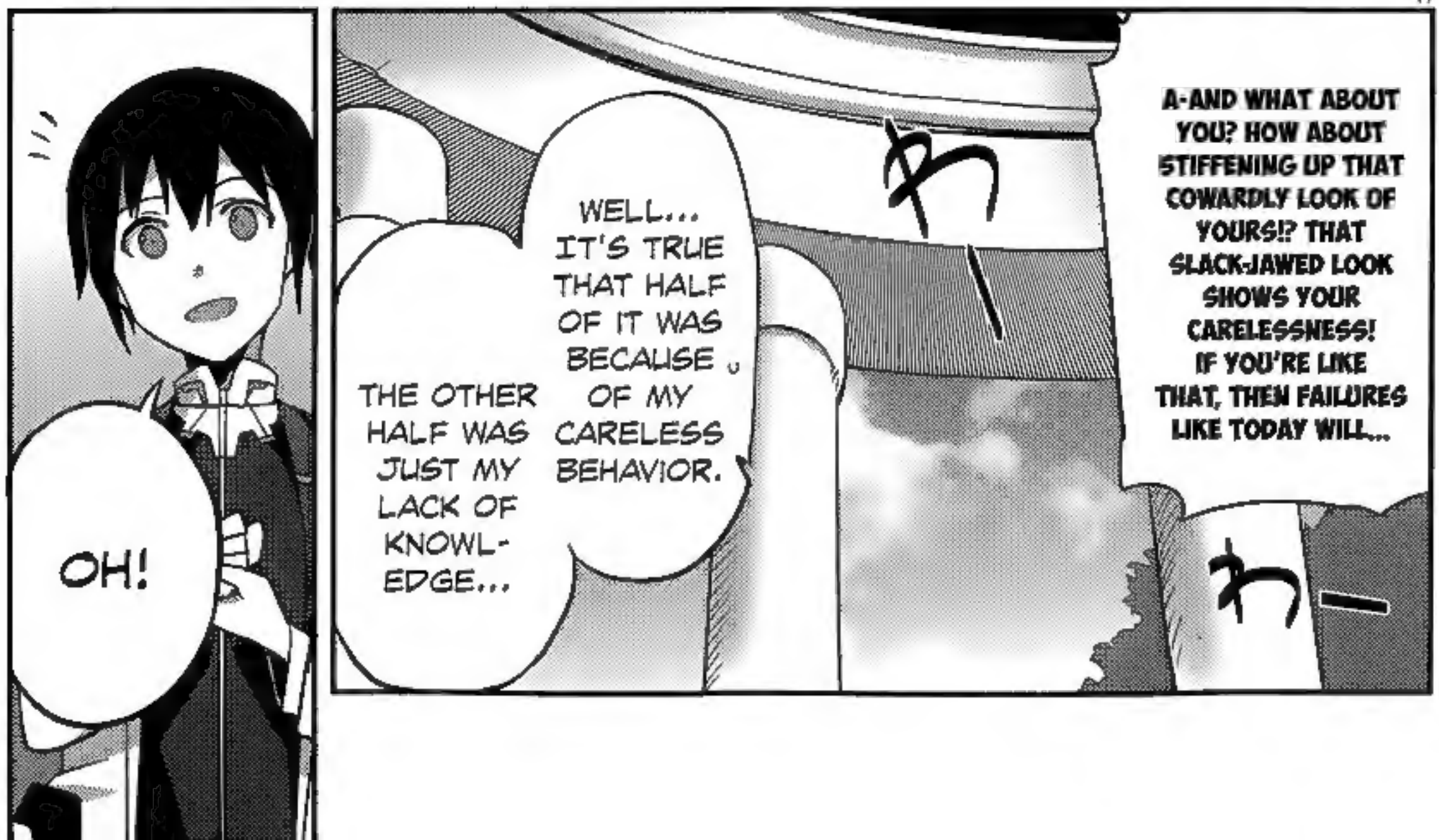
IS IT THAT
I'M NOT
WORTHY?

IF THAT'S
THE CASE,
AND YOU
ARE THAT
AMIABLE
NORMALLY,

SHUT UP!
IT'S NONE
OF YOUR
BUSINESS!

EVEN I
COME
ACROSS
THINGS I
SMILE AT!

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OH!

THE OTHER
HALF WAS
JUST MY
LACK OF
KNOWL-
EDGE...

WELL...
IT'S TRUE
THAT HALF
OF IT WAS
BECAUSE
OF MY
CARELESS
BEHAVIOR.

A-AND WHAT ABOUT
YOU? HOW ABOUT
STIFFENING UP THAT
COWARDLY LOOK OF
YOURS!? THAT
SLACK-JAWED LOOK
SHOWS YOUR
CARELESSNESS!
IF YOU'RE LIKE
THAT, THEN FAILURES
LIKE TODAY WILL...



WHAT KIND
OF JOKE IS
THAT? WHY
SHOULD I
GO TO THAT
EXTENT FOR
YOUR SAKE?
WHAT?



...JULIS,
WOULD
YOU
GUIDE ME
AROUND
THE
CAMPUS?

OH, AND
SINCE IT'S
A PAIN,
GUIDE ME
AROUND
THE CITY
TOO.



WHA...
WHAT?
IS THERE
SOMETHING
ELSE...?



WHY DO
YOU ASK
THAT?

DON'T
TELL ME
YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
SERIOUS?

IT IS
TRUE
THAT I
SAID
THAT,
BUT...

WELL,
AS YOU
SAID
YOUR-
SELF,
YOU HAVE
A "DEBT"
TO ME,
RIGHT?

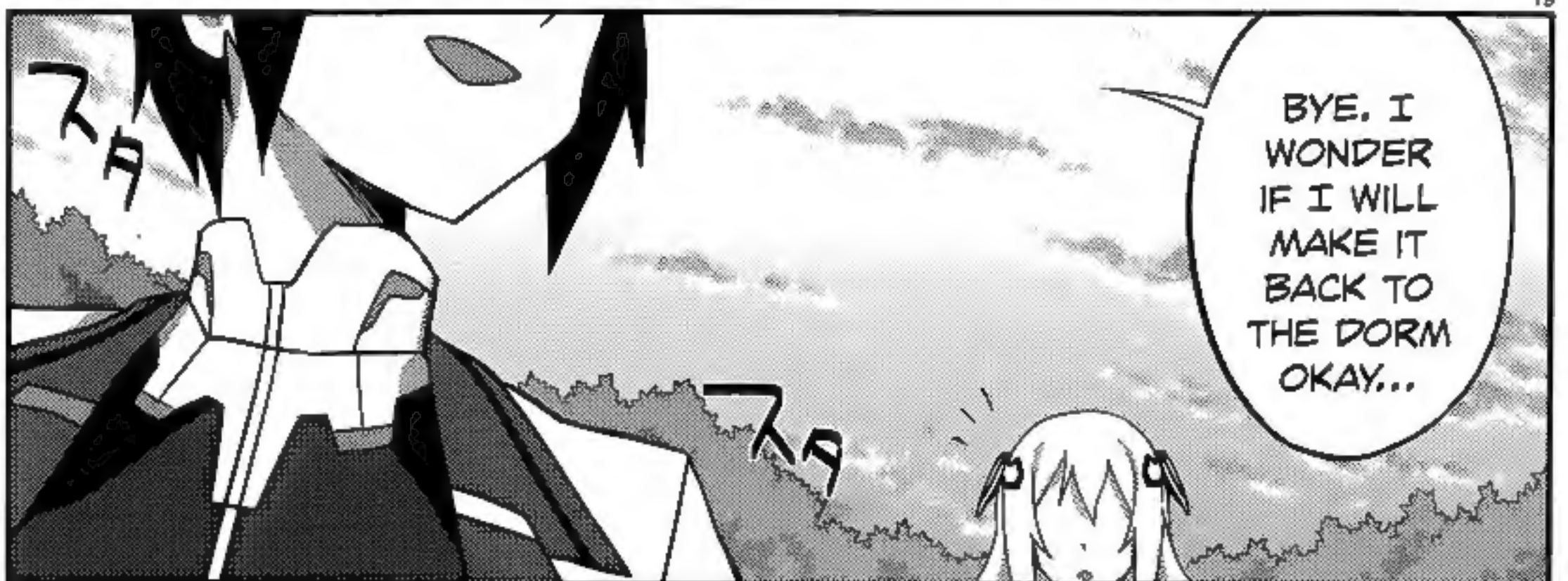
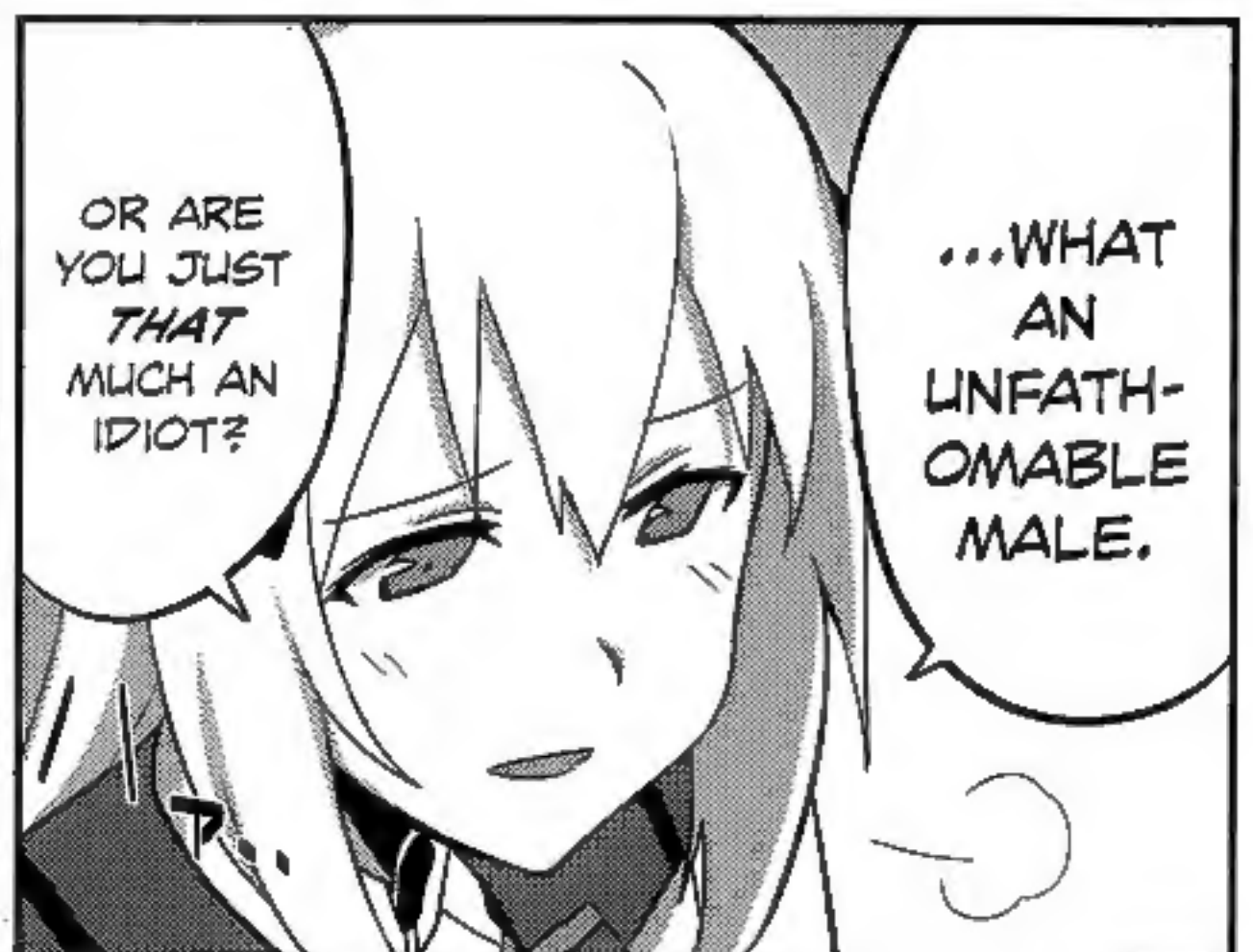


OH, NO. OF
COURSE YOU
WOULDN'T
ACCEPT
SOMETHING
INDECENT...!

IF THAT
IS ALL
YOU ARE
AFTER...



I WAS
MAKING
SURE
THAT'S
WHAT YOU
MEANT.



THE
FASTEST
WAY IS
THROUGH
THE UNI-
VERSITY
BUILDING.

IF YOU
WANT TO
GET TO
THE BOYS
DORM
FROM
HERE,

I'LL
TEACH YOU
ONE THING
RIGHT THIS
INSTANT.

AHAHA...

IF
POSSIBLE,
I'D BE
HAPPIER
IF YOUR
LECTURES
WERE A BIT
GENTLER...

THAT WAS
NOT ONE OF
THE CONDI-
TIONS JUST
NOW, SO I
REFUSE.

A RARE SMILE FROM THE MAIDEN BECKONS AN AIR OF MYSTERY!